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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the White House's increasing use of "czars" leads to inadequate vetting standards and unacceptable growth in the size and scope of the Federal Government.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the White House's increasing use of "czars" leads to inadequate vetting standards and unacceptable growth in the size and scope of the Federal Government.

Whereas "czars" have traditionally been appointed by the President of the United States to serve as policy advisors and agency heads;

Whereas President Obama has appointed an unprecedented three dozen "czars" since his inauguration on January 20, 2009;

Whereas the "czar" nomination process rarely involves a Senate vote of approval as outlined in the Constitution of the United States while the President's cabinet and Supreme Court nominees undergo careful public scrutiny;

Whereas “czars” have been intended to increase efficiency, they traditionally reduce accountability, transparency, and legislative oversight;

Whereas the implementation of three dozen czars adds to an ever-expanding Federal bureaucracy in both size and scope while concentrating policymaking decisions in the hands of a few unconfirmed officials;

Whereas the appointment of executive “czars” clouds the issue of separation of powers between the “three separate, but equal” branches of the Federal Government as outlined in the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas the controversy surrounding the former “Green Jobs Czar”, Van Jones, could have been avoided through the constitutionally outlined practice of Senate confirmation proceedings; and

Whereas the “czars” unnecessarily inflate the payroll of the administration by redundantly performing tasks under the jurisdictions of the Senate-approved cabinet department secretaries: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) demands that the White House rescind all
3 czar appointments until proper vetting can occur;
4 and

5 (2) opposes the growth in size and scope of the
6 Federal Government through the appointment of
7 unconfirmed personnel to policymaking positions.

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